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## Editorial

### Only Seventy-five Cents

This paper will be sent from now to the end of the year 1898 for 75 cents. Pastors will find this an excellent opportunity to get the paper into the homes of such people who do not feel themselves able to subscribe for the whole year. Kindly present the matter to your congregations and let there be another effort to increase the subscription list of the EVANGELIST. With a little effort several hundred could easily be added. Why not do it?

### Missionary Day in Ohio

It is too early to announce the results of last Sabbath's missionary collection by the Sunday schools of the Brethren church in the state of Ohio. The Ashland Sunday-school collection amounts to \$3.35, and if other schools have done proportionately well, there will be, when gathered together, a neat little sum realized for missions. Please send your collection to A. D. Gnagey, Ashland, Ohio. All other missionary money intended for state use should be sent direct to C. E. Defenbaugh, Glenford, Ohio.

### The Disunited Churches

It would seem to be more than reasonable that the complete reconciliation of north and south, which it is our pleasing privilege to witness, should be signalized by the union of those churches which were separated by the civil war. Sectarian divisions on purely political lines are a lasting and open reproach upon the gospel profession, and yet we have our northern Methodists and southern Methodists, our northern Presbyterians and southern Presbyterians, these being the most conspicuous ecclesiastical monuments of sectional discord. Why should not these great bodies of Christians seize upon the exceptional opportunity furnished by this era of good feeling, and put an end to the long standing advertisement that spiritual bonds are not strong enough to withstand the strain of political aversion, and that Christian charity is unable to rise superior to sectional prejudice.

### Keeping Children Young.

In another department of this issue will be found a paper on, "Keeping Children Young" read by the editor, at a teachers' institute held in Ashland, May 13. It has been published in the town papers and we have had numerous calls for it. This explains its appearance in this paper. Its

length is pardonable when it is remembered that the occasion for which it was prepared was a special one, and the subject one of more than usual importance. The author did not originally intend it for publication, and it was only in response to the urgent appeal of those who heard it that he consented to give it to the public press. The favorable notices received and the assurance of its helpfulness are a source of satisfaction to the author.

### Ministerial Association

On another page will be found an appeal by Brother Hazlett to all the ministers of the Brethren Church in the state of Indiana for their presence at the meeting of the Ministerial Association of that state to be held at Lapaz, June 28 to July 1, inclusive. The program has already been published in the EVANGELIST, and also printed separately, a copy of which has been sent to every minister in the state. The coming session of the Association promises to be one of the best, if not the best in its history. We do not see how a minister of the Brethren church in Indiana can afford to miss this opportunity for self improvement which the Association promises to give its members. Brother Hazlett is correct when he says that congregations directly or indirectly reap the benefit of the work of this organization. This being so it becomes their duty to give it all the encouragement possible. If your pastor can not afford financially to attend this meeting, pay his fare, and you will find it a profitable investment. Encourage him to go, let him "off" for a Sabbath, if necessary, he will preach all the better for having spent a week "rubbing" against the intellect represented in that body. Surely the wide awake, progressive minister will avail himself of the privileges afforded by this Association. We shall wait to hear of large attendance of the ministers of Indiana at the coming gathering at Lapaz.

### The Quarterly—An Explanation

Announcement has already been made of important changes in our *Quarterly* for third quarter. At this writing—Tuesday—orders are being rapidly filled, and before this paper reaches our readers the improved lesson "Helps" will be in the hands of our schools. Please give the *Quarterly* a careful and impartial trial; do not be hasty in forming your opinion or in passing judgment. We are not in a hurry to get your opinion, tho we are anxious to get it later, whether favor-

able or unfavorable. A brief explanation will not be out of place. Teachers and scholars will please note that the comments on the text have been so arranged as to facilitate the execution of that which is often a task to both. Each verse of the text is followed by its exposition thus presenting the scripture and the explanation to the eye at once. This we believe to be an advantage over the old method in more than one way. The plan is unique, there being nothing else just exactly like it. The text is printed in black or boldface type so as to be easily distinguished from the exposition or explanation which follows it. There need be no confusion in the public reading of the lesson by the school. A few words of explanation by the superintendent or teacher will make it all very plain to the members of the school. Additional "Life Teachings" are given, and also other matter of a practical nature are added. We have reasons to believe that these helps will now more nearly meet the demands of our schools than at any time before. The mechanical part of the work is tastefully and artistically executed. The paper is a pure clean white, the impression even and clear. The mechanical part certainly reflects credit on the foreman in the office who executed the work. We hereby tender our thanks to the compositors in the office, whose faithfulness to duty and devotion to work, enabled us to get out the *Quarterly* on time, even after the paper for it had been delayed for an entire week. In every relation of life faithfulness is praiseworthy, while in the life to come our reward will be according to our faithfulness. "Thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many."

### A Change Contemplated

We hear, on what seems to us to be reliable authority, that *The Independent* of New York contemplates a change of form to the size of some of the prominent monthly magazines. If true, it is certainly a change which will be greatly appreciated by its readers.

### Satan's Niggers

Who is the free man? It takes but a moment's reflection to discover that complete personal liberty is as far superior to the ordinary conception of the term as day is superior to night, or as the flight of an eagle is superior to the painful contortions of a worm. Political freedom seems to limit the popular aspiration, and for its secure possession and